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Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

## Attendance

- 66 Participants
- 7 States (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Sudan)
- 2 International Organizations/Industries (WHO & CDC Atlanta)





#### **INTRODUCTION**

## Officers and Secretariat

- Dr. Khalil M. Khalil: chairman
- Dr. Johanna Jordaan (Ansa): main Facilitator
- Mr. Mohamed Smaoui: Secretary
- Dr. Medhat Bahy Eldin and Ms. Jessica Barry: support





## **Agenda/Programme And Documentation**

- The Agenda/Programme at Appendix A. Includes mainly:
  - Updates on the CAPSCA global activities the CAPSCA-MID Project.
  - WHO International Health Regulations (IHR) implementation and the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) activities.
  - Vector surveillance and management at Points of Entry.
  - Use of drones in Humanitarian Activities
  - Presentations on public health emergencies, aerodrome emergency plans, full-scale simulation exercise to respond to a public health event at an International Airport, Emergencies Preparedness & Response at Port Of Entry, Types of mosquitos, etc., from Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait and Sudan.
  - Integration of Non-Health Point of Entry (POE) Partners into Public Health Planning Efforts.
  - Introduction to the PHEMAT (Public Health Event Management in Air Transport) training.
  - Introduction to PAGNet.
  - CAPSCA on-line training





### Recommendations

- The meeting encouraged the organisation of joint CAPSCA meetings with adjacent Regions (AFI, APAC and EUR/NAT). With regard to the inter-regional coordination between AFI and MID, the coordination with Africa CDC (Addis Ababa) was highly encouraged.
- ICAO to consider the organisation of a Workshop on Aviation Medicine back-to-back with one of the upcoming CAPSCA-MID meetings. In this respect, the participation of the Aviation Medical Examiners in the CAPSCA meetings was strongly encouraged.
- Communication: the meeting agreed that, considering the multi-sectoral nature of CAPSCA activities, and for better communication with all concerned stakeholders, States should be invited to nominate 2 CAPSCA Focal Points, one from the Civil Aviation side and one from the Public Health Section.





### Recommendations

- The CAPSCA questionnaire for Assistance Visit should be reviewed/improved—dividing it into areas and making it more user friendly for different categories of stakeholders that could also assist them in doing self-assessments. The Questionnaire should be made available also in Arabic.
- The meeting encouraged States to request the conduct of CAPSCA Assistance Visit for their International Airports.
- States who conducted CAPSCA Assistance visit are encouraged to share their experience (report, identified gaps, corrective action plans, lessons learned, etc.) with other States.
- The meeting noted with appreciation that the CAPSCA online training will be available in January 2019; and encouraged States to nominate participants.





### Recommendations

- Egypt was commended for the conduct of a full-scale simulation exercise to respond to a public health event at Borg El Arab International Airport; and for sharing this experience with the meeting. The importance of performing exercises to validate emergency plans, by all stakeholders, identify gaps and make recommendations for further improvement was highlighted, and States were encouraged to conduct similar exercises, on regular basis.
- ICAO to consider the review of Doc 9137-Airport Services Manual, Part 7 Airport Emergency Planning, to include, inter-alia, provisions related to public health emergency planning in support of Annex 14 Vol 1, para. 9.1.2 & 9.1.3 (USOAP PQ 8.291).
- States are encouraged to establish a National Aviation Public Health Committee.
- States were encouraged to share their experience in the CAPSCA-MID/8 meeting about transport by air of live animals and cargo.





# **Future Work Programme**

- CAPSCA Assistance visit-Bahrain in 2019
- CAPSCA-MID/8 meeting: Bahrain, first half of 2020
- Review of the CAPSCA Middle East Organisation and election of CAPSCA-MID Lead Technical Advisor during the CAPSCA-MID/8 meeting





# **CAPSCA Middle East Organisation**











